

**Introduced by Senator Allen**February 18, 2016

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An act to add Part 6.8 (commencing with Section 15375) to Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to aerospace.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1215, as introduced, Allen. California Aerospace Commission.

Existing law establishes the Spaceport Office in the Department of Transportation to seek and obtain federal funding for the commercialization of private space activities in the state. Existing law, for the January 1, 2014, lien date to, and including, the January 1, 2024, lien date, exempts from taxation qualified property, as defined, for use in space flight. Existing law authorizes airport districts to provide and maintain spaceports and landing places for space reentry traffic.

Existing law establishes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (office), which is administered by a director appointed by the Governor. The office serves the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth.

This bill would establish the California Aerospace Commission to foster the development of activities in California related to aerospace, including, but not limited to, aviation, commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied research, economic diversification, business development, tourism, and education. The bill would specify various related duties of the commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Part 6.8 (commencing with Section 15375) is  
2 added to Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

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4 PART 6.8. CALIFORNIA AEROSPACE COMMISSION

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6 15375. (a) The California Aerospace Commission is hereby  
7 established to foster the development of activities in California  
8 related to aerospace, including, but not limited to, aviation,  
9 commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial  
10 vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and  
11 research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied  
12 research, economic diversification, business development, tourism,  
13 and education.

14 (b) The commission shall be an official recipient of grants from  
15 state or local government sources or from private businesses or  
16 individuals, for California aerospace-related activities, including,  
17 but not limited to, studies, services, infrastructure improvements,  
18 and modernization.

19 (c) The commission shall be an advocate in support of California  
20 aerospace-related activities, including, but not limited to, the  
21 businesses, facilities, programs, developments, alterations,  
22 modifications, educational activities, and other programs impacting  
23 those activities.

24 (d) The commission shall identify and recommend changes in  
25 federal, state, and local statutes and regulations that will enhance  
26 the development of California aerospace-related activities.

27 (e) The commission shall report on the economic and  
28 employment impacts of California aerospace-related activities to  
29 the Governor and the Legislature and other state agencies and  
30 commissions that adopt regulations or make decisions or  
31 determinations that affect those activities.

32 (f) The commission shall recommend to the Governor and the  
33 Legislature appropriate state funding mechanisms and amounts to  
34 promote development of California aerospace-related activities.

1 (g) With regard to the development of California  
2 aerospace-related activities, the commission shall provide  
3 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in the form  
4 of strategic planning documents.

5 (h) The commission shall act as a clearinghouse for  
6 aerospace-related issues and information.

7 (i) The commission shall foster and promote activities related  
8 to aerospace in all parts of California.

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